

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN SCOTT MENDENHALL**, on February 14, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bernie Olson, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. George Golie (D)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Larry Jent (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary
Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 671, 2/9/2005; HB 610, 2/9/2005;
HB 684, 2/9/2005; HB 688, 2/9/2005
Executive Action: HB 688, HB 684, HB 610, HB 492, HB
566

HEARING ON HB 671

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JOHN MUSGROVE (D), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 671,
Generally revise motor vehicle law.
00:03:12

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:31 Dean Roberts, Department of Justice

[EXHIBIT\(trh36a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh36a02\)](#)

00:13:11 Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice

[EXHIBIT\(trh36a03\)](#)

00:31:49 John Blacker, Department of Transportation

00:32:32 Roger McGlenn, Independent Insurance Agents

00:33:00 Jim Robinson, Independent Auto Dealers

00:33:28 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association

00:34:04 Marilyn Olsen, Montana Auto Dealers Association

00:34:40 Stewart Doggett, Montana Land Title Association

00:35:51 Jill Jarman, Montana Credit Union

00:36:21 Rhonda Carpenter Wiggers, County Treasurers
Association

00:38:01 Fred Sargeson, Montana Interactive

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:09

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:55

HEARING ON HB 610

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. RICK MAEDJE (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 610, Clarify
property rights in fallen rock in right-of-way.
00:53:33

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:01:07 John Blacker, Department of Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:11

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:07

HEARING ON HB 684

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. RICK MAEDJE (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 684, Revise weight limits along Canadian border.

01:13:51

[EXHIBIT](#)(trh36a04)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:17:51 Mary Ann Roose, Lincoln County Commissioner

01:18:38 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:20:42 Denise Harris, AAA

Washington Corporation (Written Testimony)

[EXHIBIT](#)(trh36a05)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:43

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:09

HEARING ON HB 688

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. EVE FRANKLIN (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 688, Name Highway 3 from Great Falls to Billings for Patrick Galvin.

01:35:43

Proponents' Testimony:

01:42:27 Pat Keim, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway

01:45:03 Spook Stang, Self

01:47:56 REP. KATHLEEN GALVIN-HALCRO, HD 26, GREAT FALLS
[EXHIBIT](#)(trh36a06)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:50:26 John Blacker, Department of Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:51:01

Closing by Sponsor:

01:51:05

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 688

Motion: REP. KEANE moved that HB 688 DO PASS.

Discussion:

02:13:31

REP. KEANE withdrew his motion for later consideration.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 684

Motion: REP. OLSON moved that HB 684 DO PASS.

Discussion:

02:26:31

Vote: Motion carried 11-1 by roll call vote with REP. COHENOUR
voting no. REP JENT voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 610

Motion: REP. OLSON moved that HB 610 DO PASS.

Discussion:

02:33:25

REP. OLSON withdrew his motion for later consideration

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 492

Motion: REP. OLSON moved that HB 492 DO PASS.

Motion: REP. GOLIE moved that HB 492 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:36:18

[EXHIBIT](#)(trh36a07)

Vote: Motion carried 11-1 by voice vote with REP. OLSON voting no. REP JENT voted by proxy.

Motion: REP. GOLIE moved that HB 492 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:38:39

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REP JENT voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 566

Motion: REP. COHENOUR moved that HB 566 DO PASS.

Motion: REP. COHENOUR moved that HB 566 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:41:33

[EXHIBIT](#)(trh36a08)

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REP JENT voted by proxy.

Motion: REP. OLSON moved that HB 566 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:45:13

Vote: Motion failed 6-6 by voice vote with REPS. ARNTZEN, BALYEAT, BERGREN, MACLAREN, MALCOLM and OLSON voting aye. REP JENT voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:00 P.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([trh36aad0.TIF](#))